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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

**MURALI D. TALURI, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 19237  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-05-0370A

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Murali D. Taluri, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agreed to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.

2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Consent Agreement, he voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.

3. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government

1 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
2 any other state or federal court.

3 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, although the Consent  
4 Agreement has not yet been accepted by the Board and issued by the Executive Director,  
5 upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the  
6 Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent  
7 Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
8 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
9 by the parties.

10 6. Respondent further understands that this Consent Agreement, once  
11 approved and signed, is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal  
12 action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to the  
13 Arizona Medical Board's website.

14 7. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise  
15 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force  
16 and effect.

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20 MURALI D. TALLURI, M.D.

DATED: 12-19-2005

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1  
2 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
3 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 19237 for the practice of  
5 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. The Board initiated case number MD-05-0370A after receiving a complaint  
7 from 38 people, including two physicians, regarding Respondent's failure to provide  
8 medical records in a timely manner. The complaint documented over 385 requests for  
9 patient medical records.

10 4. Before the investigation was opened Respondent provided only 130 of  
11 medical records requested. Additionally, of the records provided, all the records, according  
12 to the complainants, were incomplete and consisted mostly of one or two pages of  
13 records. Additionally, some of the records were copied on yellow paper, which prevented  
14 them from being copied again.

15 5. Respondent stated that many of the record requests came from two  
16 physicians whom he had previously employed and discharged from his medical practice  
17 group. Respondent stated that he had an inordinate number of requests from these  
18 physicians as well as patients and other providers.

19 6. On June 11, 2005 the Arizona Attorney General's Office informed  
20 Respondent that he was obligated to send medical records to patients upon request.  
21 Respondent did not take any action nor did he make any effort at that time to correct the  
22 problem.

23 7. Respondent did not begin to make plans for providing patient medical  
24 records until the Board notified him of an investigation on June 24, 2005. At that time  
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1 Respondent contacted a medical record copying service and made plans to provide all the  
2 requested medical records by July 15, 2005.

3 8. Respondent and his office staff made significant efforts to provide the  
4 requested medical records, including personally delivering records to several patients who  
5 were physically unable to pick the records up at the office.

6 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

7 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
8 Respondent.

9 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
10 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401 (27)(rr) – (“[f]ailing to make patient medical records  
11 in the physician's possession promptly available to a physician assistant, a nurse  
12 practitioner, a person licensed pursuant to this chapter or a podiatrist, chiropractor,  
13 naturopathic physician, osteopathic physician or homeopathic physician licensed under  
14 chapter 7, 8, 14, 17 or 29 of this title on receipt of proper authorization to do so from the  
15 patient, a minor patient's parent, the patient's legal guardian or the patient's authorized  
16 representative or failing to comply with title 12, 13, article 7.1.”)

17 **ORDER**

18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

19 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand for repeatedly failing to provide  
20 medical records to patients or other healthcare providers.

21 2. This Order is the final disposition of case number MD-05-0370A.

22 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

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24 (SEAL)



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By   
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.  
Executive Director

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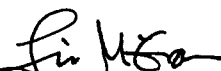
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